

Charge to EPA's Science Advisory Board Advisory on EPA's Science and Research Programs and President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2005

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests that the Science Advisory Board (SAB) comment on the President's Budget request for EPA's science and research programs for the fiscal year (FY) 2005. The SAB should consider programs carried out by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Programs, Regions, and other Offices as funded under the Science and Technology (S&T) and other appropriations.

EPA will provide to the SAB relevant FY 2005 budget information pertaining to major science and research programs and narrative descriptions of these programs for each of the five EPA's strategic goals. In its presentations to the SAB, ORD will describe the long-term goals in its multi-year research plans (available on the Internet at epa.gov/osp/myp), which integrate the research program across EPA's strategic goals.

Based on the provided materials and presentations, EPA would appreciate the SAB advice in the following areas:

1. In their presentations to the SAB, EPA's National Program and Regional offices identified their priorities for achieving EPA's strategic goals. To what extent does EPA's science and research programs described for the FY 2005 S&T account of the President's Budget Request align with these priorities?
2. How well does EPA's science and research program, as described for the FY 2005 Science and Technology account, complement the other science programs within the National Programs and Regions?
3. To what extent does EPA's science and research programs, as presented to the SAB by ORD, the National Programs, and the Regions, align with what the SAB believes will be the nation's emerging environmental issues in the coming years? In essence, how well is EPA positioned, scientifically and within the context of its mission, to address these issues?
4. Based on EPA's presentations to the SAB, and Board members' own knowledge of efforts in the broader scientific community, how well does EPA's science and research program complement environmental science programs elsewhere?

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